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Systems Planning, Policy, and Process

TRB 85th Annual Meeting Session Highlights January 22-26, 2006 – Washington, DC

Transportation spans an ever-increasing range of responsibilities, topics, and technical activities. The transportation planning and policy communities are responding to the growing field with limited funds and staff. The Annual Meeting is an opportunity to share experiences, techniques, successes, and concerns.

More than 9,500 policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions are expected to attend the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 85th Annual Meeting, in Washington, DC, January 22-26, 2006. The meeting, held at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels, includes more than 2,500 presentations in 500 sessions, 65 workshops, and 350 TRB committee meetings covering all aspects of transportation.

TRB's mission is to promote innovation and progress in transportation through research. In an objective and interdisciplinary setting, TRB facilitates the sharing of information on transportation practice and policy by researchers and practitioners; stimulates research and offers research management services that promote technical excellence; provides expert advice on transportation policy and programs; and disseminates research results broadly and encourages their implementation. A major focal point of TRB's activities, the Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for transportation professionals from all over the world to exchange information of common interest.

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Highlighted Systems Planning, Policy, and Process Sessions

Session 230 - Your Project Is Approved, So Where Is the Public? Assessment of Effective Public Involvement During Project Design and Construction

This session will include representatives from four projects who will discuss how their agency maintained effective public participation during handoffs from project approval to design to construction. Many practitioners in transportation agencies and in the private sector are aware of and able to apply public involvement during project approval; however, once a project is approved and moves forward to design and construction, project leadership may be handed over to transportation professionals with little or no experience or knowledge of working with the public. Continued public participation during design and construction can produce new ideas and requirements that were not anticipated by the original project team.

Session 270 - Access Management from Des Moines to Beijing

Across the United States and around the world, awareness is growing of the importance of managing the location, spacing, design, and operation of driveways, median openings, interchanges, and street intersections. This session will highlight successful practices and research efforts in the United States and China. It includes an explanation of the safety and operational issues surrounding the fence median, which is the prevailing median treatment on China's urban roadways; discussion of a plan in Des Moines, Iowa, to prioritize road improvements on the basis of their expected role in reducing crashes; and a presentation on the economic impacts on businesses that lost their driveways when a highway was upgraded to a freeway. With access management strategies from Des Moines to Beijing, this session has something to offer everyone involved in improving safety and the flow of traffic.

Session 560 - Road Design on Public Lands: History and Future Direction

This session is designed to provide a bridge between designs of the past and today's efforts to advance context-sensitive transportation solutions. The session will demonstrate how historical design and construction practices have practical applications for engineers, landscape architects, and cultural resource specialists in guiding design decisions, interpreting historic sites, and informing contemporary debates on preservation and environmental protection. The session will also highlight recent project examples by the U.S. Forest Service and work conducted for public lands by the Federal Highway Administration.

All Systems Planning, Policy, and Process Sessions

	Sunday			
No.	Title	Hotel	Time	
118	Effective Integration of Freight Policy, Planning, and Programming Activities into Transportation Programs	Н	8:30 AM-12:00 PM	
122	Techniques to Ensure Effectiveness of Committees, Task Forces, and Work Groups	Н	8:30 AM-12:00 PM	
138	Community Mobility and Supportive Transportation: Special Considerations for Dementia and Other Functional Impairments Among Older Drivers	M	9:00 AM-5:00 PM	
158	Complete Streets: Balancing User Needs in Suburban Design	S	1:30 PM-5:00 PM	
161	Traffic Simulation Models	S	1:30 PM-5:00 PM	
	Monday			
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219	Data and Information Management, Part 1 (Part 2, Session 276)	Н	8:00 AM–9:45 AM	
203	Planning and Operational Issues with High-Occupancy- Vehicle and Managed Lanes	M	8:00 AM-9:45 AM	
207	Practical Design and Tort Liability: What to Consider When Deciding Whether to Build a Chevy or a Cadillac	M	8:00 AM-9:45 AM	
228	Statistical Methodologies Versus Soft Computing for Transportation Modeling Applications	Н	8:00 AM-9:45 AM	
230	Your Project Is Approved, so Where Is the Public? Assessment of Effective Public Involvement During Project Design and Construction	Н	8:00 AM-9:45 AM	
247	Transportation Issues in Major U.S. Cities (Poster Session)	Н	9:30 AM-12:00 PM	
270	Access Management from Des Moines to Beijing	Н	10:15 AM-12:00 PM	
252	Empirical Analysis of Car-Following Behavior	M	10:15 AM-12:00 PM	
255	Safety Issues with High-Occupancy-Vehicle and Managed Lanes	M	10:15 AM-12:00 PM	
291	Public-Private Initiatives: New Concepts in Transportation Project DeliveryThe Good, the Bad, and the Ugly?	M	1:30 PM-3:15 PM	
329	Planning Mega Session (Poster Session)	Н	2:30 PM-5:00 PM	
330	Telecommunications and Travel Behavior (Poster Session)	Н	2:30 PM-5:00 PM	
332	Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands: Recent Research (Poster Session)	Н	2:30 PM-5:00 PM	
357	Asset Management: International Perspectives	Н	3:45 PM-5:30 PM	
351	Near-Term Prospects for Airport Capacity Enhancement	S	3:45 PM-5:30 PM	
365	State of the Intelligent Transportation System Industry	H	3:45 PM-5:30 PM	
391	Innovations in Statewide Planning and Programming	Н	7:30 PM-9:30 PM	
382	National Airspace System Performance Measurement and Prediction	S	7:30 PM–9:30 PM	
378	Regional Transportation Systems Management	M	7:30 PM-9:30 PM	
Tuesday				
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415	From Deterministic to Stochastic Air Traffic Flow Management	S	8:00 AM-9:45 AM	
423	How Do We Measure Success in Transit-Oriented	Н	8:00 AM-9:45 AM	

	Development?		
429	State Roles in Transit-Oriented Developments	Н	8:00 AM-9:45 AM
448	Location-Aware Technologies in Transportation (Poster	Н	9:30 AM-12:00 PM
	Session)		
438	Modeling, Planning, and Behavior Issues for Pedestrians	M	9:30 AM-12:00 PM
	(Poster Session)		
475	Fiscal Issues in Statewide Planning: Fiscal Constraint and	Н	10:15 AM-12:00 PM
	Planning-Level Cost Estimates		
467	Integrating Freight Facilities with Communities and	S	10:15 AM-12:00 PM
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478	Land Use and the Interstate: Perspectives at 50	Н	10:15 AM-12:00 PM
458	Safety-Conscious Planning: Lessons Learned Since TEA-	M	10:15 AM-12:00 PM
461	21 and Sustainable Safety	M	10.15 AM 10.00 DM
461	Traffic Flow Theory, Traffic Simulation, and Hybrid Models	M	10:15 AM-12:00 PM
482	Use of Performance Measures by Metropolitan Planning	Н	10:15 AM-12:00 PM
402	Organizations and Regional Agencies	11	10.13 AM-12.00 FM
460	Valuation of Signs	M	10:15 AM-12:00 PM
514	Transportation in National Parks and Public Lands	Н	1:30 PM-3:15 PM
495	Working Toward a Regional Perspective on Planning for	M	1:30 PM-3:15 PM
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530	Public Involvement (Poster Session)	Н	2:30 PM-5:00 PM
558	Metropolitan Planning Organization Strategic Planning and	Н	3:45 PM-5:30 PM
	Organizational Change		
588	Addressing the Link Between Transportation and Land Use	Н	7:30 PM-9:30 PM
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Hotels: Marriott (M), Hilton (H), Shoreham (S)
Additional Sessions Information: http://www.trb.org/am/ip/